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REST FOR THE RESTLESS

II Pet. 1:1-8. Incentive to "escape", precious promises.

I. AMERICA IS A RESTLESS NATION. Church adversely affected.

- A. Over 40,000,000 Americans move their domicile yearly.  
 B. 1/3 of a million laborers out of work. Restless! Idle  
 C. 70% of the employed are malcontent with jobs.  
 D. Crime committed in America (major) ever 3 min., 208  
 an hour, 5,000 daily; nearly 2,000,000 annually.  
 E. Social and domestic restlessness seen in 45,000  
 divorces annually ALSO early teenage marriages.  
 F. Many of modern problems have O. T. counterparts:  
 1. Jer. 2:32, 5:25, 10:23.  
 2. Hosea 3:6, Amos 2:6, 6:1,4,6. Malachi 3:8-10.  
OLD STORY: Hurry, worry, bury.

II. ISRAEL RESTLESS AND ILL AT EASE BEFORE AND DURING EXODUS.

- A. Bondage, suffering and wandering to cease at Canaan.  
 Exodus 3:7-8. Deut. 6:14-12.  
 B. They were not to "sit down", but were to LABOR in  
 peace, freedom and contentment.  
 C. Many never reached the Land of Rest. Heb. 3:8-19.

III. MEN TODAY CAN ENTER INTO CHRIST'S REST IF WANT TO.

- A. Rest, a great promise of God. Heb. 4:1-5, 9-11.  
"REST is not quitting the busy career;  
 Rest is the fitting of self to its sphere.  
 'Tis loving and serving the highest and best!  
 'Tis onward and upward, THAT is true rest."  
 J. S. Dwight.....  
 B. Rest is NOT a sitting down to be idle or inactivity.  
 C. Rest is NOT a rest from work, but rest in work.  
 D. Rest is: A harmonious working together of all man's  
 faculties and affections in heart, imagination,  
 conscience and soul FOR GOD!!!  
 E. The church of Christ is God's ideal sphere for the  
 satisfaction and development of man's soul.  
 1. Christ's Call to Rest: Matthew 11:28-30.  
"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our  
heart is restless until it rests in Thee."  
 St. Augustine, Leaves of Gold, p. 153.

INV:

Three closing thoughts of utmost importance to us TODAY.

1. Being a Christian involves many obligations and responsibilities: I apologize for NONE of these!  
 2. Principles: It is very hard to successfully live the Christian life: this is granted, BUT

"Virtually impossible to reconstruct good one from ruin."

54 mil.  
24 homes  
owned.  
30 per cent.

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**SINNER FRIEND:** God offers you rest of mind in the forgiveness of your sins NOW. Acts 2:38.

**ERRING BROTHER:** God offers to relieve your heart, mind and conscience of burden of sin. I John 1:9 NOW

**TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS:** Looking for church home? Aid you in being more diligent? Obedient? NOW